511 Rideshare Program

Standard Operating Procedures



Employer Services Department

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Employer Services Activities

The employer services department consists of four employer service representatives and one parttime manager. Despite the recessionary challenges the state/country has faced this year, the demand from the employer market continued to experience growth. The following staff make up the Employer Services department:

- Linda Furnas South Santa Clara County and Moffet Park
- Christy Garland Marin, Sonoma and San Francisco Counties
- LaShawn Martin Northern/Eastern Alameda County
- Miriam Sorell North Santa Clara County

The Employer Services Representative job description is found as Attachment A.

There are five main functions of the Employer Services department:

- Employer Outreach Services
- Database Management
- Vendor and delegated county coordination
- Staff Management
- Contract deliverables

Employer Outreach Services

Employer Service Representatives time split varies based on employer demand. On average the monthly time split would be 60% in the field and 40% in the office. Field work can include; employer appointments, event staffing, attending other TDM group/committee meetings such as Air Resource Teams, SVLG, and T.A.M. Employer Service Representatives identify new employers by attending chamber meetings, territory canvassing, reading business journals, and getting referrals from existing employer clients. On average the ESR staff works with 50 employers per month, either via employer appointments, e-mails, or telephone calls.

The following services are explained during consultations at employer worksites or as part of a group meeting with several employers:

Commute Surveys	On-line Survey – these surveys provide	
	information about attitudes and behavior of	
	employees and their commute choices.	
	This survey has an optional section for	
	employees to complete to receive a	
	commuter matchlist.	
	CO2 – this new survey worksheet created	
	from the standard survey report can be used	
	by employers to show how much they can	
	reduce emissions from greenhouse gases or	
	carbon monoxide by implementing	
	ridesharing and related programs.	
Density Maps	From an employer provided excel file of	

	employee addresses or employee zip codes,
	the RRP can provide a poster size map
	plotting where employees live to assist in
	determining best commute options
Trip Diary	Employees use this tool to track their
	commute modes monthly that allow
	employers to view a detail report of
	employee participation and emission
	reduction.
Web-based Ridematching	Employers can provide access to their
	employees via an assigned url address or
	link to the 511 ridematching system.
	Employers can be offered exclusive
	matching – matching with their employees
	only or regional matching – matching with
	within their worksite and surrounding
	business.
Online Event	Online Event – this is a virtual event that
	drives employees to complete a registration
	form to receive a matchlist. The online
	event registration runs for a designated
	time period and is then downloaded for
	data entry into the ridematching system.
Skinning	"Skinning" of the ridematch program is a
	means to give the employer a unique url
	link that runs RMS with the employer's
	graphics and colors. This helps encourage
	employer co-sponsors 511 RMS. ESR's are
	expected to hold quarterly meetings with
	clients utilizing skinned sites to ensure
	promotion of the RMS is taking place and
	employee registrations are increasing.
On-Site Employer Events	511 Rideshare staff will provide commute
	information to employees at
	health/employer benefits, transportation,
	environment, and job fairs.
Commuter Incentives	511 RRP Vanpool Start and Seat incentive
	and other county incentives are discussed
	with employers and employees.
Vanpool Formation	Discussion about the services of the
	vanpool department including; vanpool
	formation assistance, vanpool incentives,
	motor vehicle reports, medical
	reimbursements and vendor options.
Relocation Planning	Assistance is provided with the use of a
	density map to identify commute options
	for the new location and any appropriate
	county incentives.
Employer Referrals	Employer referrals work in three different
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	ways. One is when the employer service		
	representatives will ask the subject		
	employer who may have multiple sites		
	within the 511 service area to refer us to		
	them. Two is when the employer service		
	representative has established that a		
	relationship exist with the subject employer		
	and a neighbor employer we've been trying		
	to get to work with and will ask to be		
	referred to that neighbor. Three is when the		
	employer service representative will ask		
	the subject employer if it's OK to use them		
	as a referral to another client or to the		
	media for testimonials about a TDM		
	component or their transportation program		
	in general.		
Popular Programs	Commuter Choice – Federal commuter		
	tax legislation that allows employers to		
	benefit from lower payroll taxes and		
	allows employees a reduction in annual		
	income. Vendors include: Commuter		
	Check and WageWorks.		
	 Green House Gas Reduction tools and 		
	measurement reporting.		
	 Shuttles – typically 21 to 45 passenger 		
	vehicles used for last mile trips from		
	transit hubs to employer worksites. This		
	service is either fully or partially		
	contracted out. A list of Shuttle		
	providers is found on the R-drive under		
	employer services.		
Regional Events	 Bike to Work Day 		
	 California Rideshare Week 		
	Earth Day		
	Information is presented as it is made		
	available to 511 Rideshare staff from the		
	sponsoring organization		

Templates for Employer Contact/Consultations

The following information is met to provide a framework of the kind of preparation for employer consultations:

Preparation	Research employer to understand industry type,	
	their competition, and potential transportation	
	options.	
	Conduct a site analysis – company's	
	geographic location and size, proximity to	

other worksites and transportation facilities, parking availability-number of spaces and cost, transit access, rideshare drop off and pick-up locations, pedestrian access, bicycle facilities and locate any traffic mitigation measures in place.

- Review and select appropriate TDM strategies based on research findings.
- Check Google, and employer websites.

This information is kept in the contact logs of the employer data base. The traffic mitigation measures are also mentioned in the ESR Territory Plans.

Consultation

Employer Service Representatives have a select set of questions [based on research findings] that are asked of each employer for all consultations. Typically, the initial consultation is done in person. There could be times when they are done over the phone or via e-mail based on the needs and urgency of the employer or technical capabilities of the employer. It is very common for a follow-up consultation to be done via phone or e-mail. The following questions are typically a part of meeting preparation or during the consultation.

- How can we help you be successful?
- What do you see as an issue or obstacle for your success?
- Can you tell me about your program as it exists today?
- What would you like to see happen with your program?
- Who are the decision makers here?
- Can you tell me about any internal or external political issues that may affect your program?
- What companies do you consider your competition?
- Do you have any other locations in California; any outside of California?
- How much do you know about our services?
- Help me understand....
- Do I understand correctly when you say....?

Recommendation(s) and closing statements include

	Repeat answers that will create
	opportunities and make recommendations for success
	 Repeat answers that indicate issues needing to be addressed and offer solutions
	Based on our discussion the next steps arecorrect?
Follow-Up/Follow-Through	• Can we agree the next steps are? After a consultation a thank you for your time note or call takes place within 48 hours. The employer data base is updated and any request of the employer that could not be fulfilled during the meeting takes place.
	the meeting takes place. Review and confirm appropriate strategies based on the goals of the client and demonstrate how the goals via tracking methods will be met with the client.
	Schedule implementation timelines, tracking methods
TDM Plan-A Working Document	IntroductionIdentify the purpose and/or goal of the plan. It should define the type of transportation improvements the plan and program will achieve. Is it to: • Reduce vehicles, parking demand, number of drive alone commuters, • Improve employee morale, attendance, recruitment & retention, employer incentive package, corporate image. • Define the objects of the plan. • Includes the implementing details, techniques and determines the measurable process to achieve the overall goal. • Include survey process, results and recommendations Transportation Assessment • Review historical data relevant to the existing transportation program, employee participation, and general characteristics of the worksite. • Identify appropriate TDM strategies • Review managements goal for the program • Conduct a site analysis – company's geographic location and size, proximity to other worksites and transportation

facilities, parking availability-number of spaces and cost, transit access, rideshare drop off and pick-up locations, pedestrian access, bicycle facilities.

On-line Survey(attitudinal)

- These surveys will help identify success of a commute program by identifying appropriate modes/strategies for a targeted employee group.
- Offer one of the On-Line employer surveys based on client needs.
- Offer a density map to plot and identify groups of employees

Strategy Selection

- Review and select appropriate strategies based on the goals of the client and the results of the on-line survey and density map.
 - o Commuter Choice
 - o Carpools/Vanpools
 - o Transit
 - o Guaranteed/Emergency Ride Home
 - o Bicycling and Walking
 - o Alternate Work Arrangements
 - Emergency Preparedness-Commuting
 - o Parking Management
 - o Regional Incentives
 - o New Hire Orientation
 - Others that may become referrals to partner agencies

Implementation

• Create a timeline that identifies task(s), lead person-ETC or others within the company.

Tracking

• Discuss tracking methods; excel spread sheets, various data base soft ware.

Conclusion

Review and document how the program will meet the goals and objectives.

Employer Case Studies

Employer Case studies provide valuable information to employers and are designed to showcase employee transportation programs for employers and to work one-on-one with ESR's and 511 Rideshare sub-contractors to develop and implement a state-of-the-art commute programs. These programs could include but not be limited to; carpool matching, vanpool subsidies, preferential parking, pre-tax benefits, compressed work weeks, telework, and more.

The program includes employers from the public and private sector of various employment sizes, and geographic locations. Two very important selection criteria include the level of commitment to the program and how ready the organization is for implementation or expansion. Employers must be willing to and allow employees to participate in the designed program for at least six months. Upon completion of the six month program, the ESRs along with 511 sub-contractors will develop a case study highlighting the programs results and impacts from both the employer and employee perspectives. In addition, ESR's and sub-contractors will assess the program's effects on air quality, energy consumption, and transportation.

Data Base Management

The employer services database is FileMaker Pro program. This database is the outreach tool that catalogs information about client data, client contacts, events and tracking of program components. The database has multiple uses by many within the organization and our clients. Therefore it is critical that the data is current and accurately reflect communication between the employer and the ESR. These records should be the first thing confirmed during any conversation with the employer. The maintenance of the database takes approximately 35% of the ESR's time and that varies based on demand of employer.

The employer services database contains four areas;

- employer information basic information about the employer (Attachment B);
- contact log records all activity with the employer, including events/fairs and any last contact discussions or updates with the employer (Attachment C); and
- program components a page that identifies employer incentives offered at their worksite (Attachment D).

Protocols for 511 RRP Employer Database

- Changes of status to employers in the Employer Data Base follow the definitions described in the 511 RRP Scope of Work for inactive, active and maintenance. All employers who have not been contacted within the last two years will be considered inactive. This is a monthly rolling date; an employers' status is verified each month. The Employer Services (ESR) Database Stats report (Attachment G) is generated from the database to reflect this activity.
- The inactive employer files are to serve as a mining data base to convert clients from being without activity to an activity by definition of active or maintenance employer status.
- Active and maintenance employers are those who meet the definitions set in Attachment A-1 Glossary of RRP Terms.

There will be times when best judgment will tilt the scale of active/maintenance/inactive status, based on program maturity, viable results, and employer commitment.

Vendor and delegated county coordination

Employer services representatives work closely with VPSI, Enterprise Vanpool, ZipCar, City Carshare, The Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance, Spare The Air, several event planners, TDM consultants, and bicycle coalitions. Some representatives may have more contact than others

based on the demand and activity of their territories. General activity includes employer meetings, employer events and collaboration when going in as a team at the invitation of an employer.

Staff Management

Approximately fifty-five to sixty percent of the Employer Services Manager's time is spent managing four employer services representatives. These areas include:

- Coaching
- Strategic collaboration and direction
- Employer Services (ESR) Database Stats
- Territory highlights
- Monthly Reports
- Monthly goals these vary year to year based on contract requirements.

The employer services representatives are required to complete a monthly report that reflects the above mentioned information (Attachment E). They are also required to develop a territory plan and update it quarterly.

Attachment A

Employer Services Representative Job Description

REQUIREMENTS:

Bachelor's degree in business/marketing or related field, or equivalent work experience, experience in customer service, outside sales, consulting, or professional services, strong decision-making and workload management skills, ability to exercise prudent independent judgment, excellent communication including strong public speaking, proficiency in the Microsoft suite of software, comprehensive knowledge of the San Francisco Bay Area and its transportation system. Possession of a valid CA Driver's License and personal vehicle for work-related use, reimbursed.

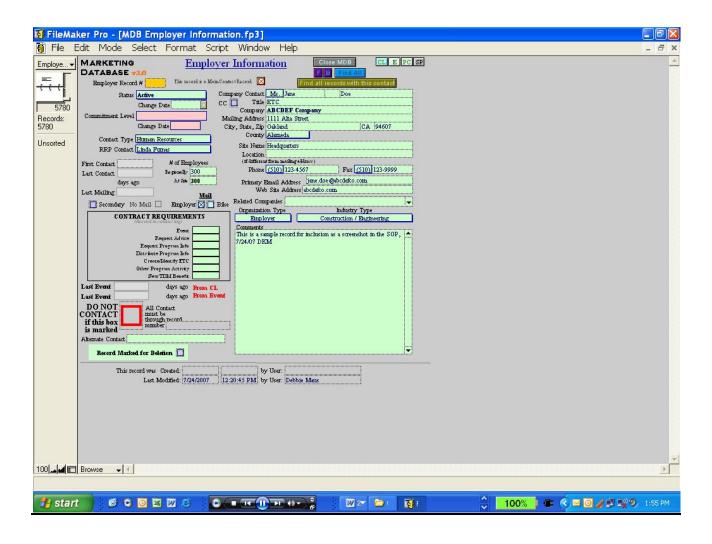
JOB SUMMARY:

The primary role of the Employer Services Representative is to consult with Bay Area employers of all sizes and industries for the purposes of creating tailored incentives and customized marketing of alternative modes of transportation to encourage employees' increasing commuter participation in carpooling, vanpooling, transit and bicycle commuting. The Employer Services Representative accomplishes this through consulting with local businesses, developing site-specific employee transportation program plans, developing and executing presentations to key personnel, educating area commuters, and the development of marketing incentives.

MAJOR DUTIES:

- Identify, serve and recruit employers within a specific territory
- Employ professional services consulting (may be referred to as "sales") techniques to gain entry into area employers in his/her territory and help address issues, problems, or concerns of those employers
- Make customized presentations to employer worksite managers regarding their specific benefits of an employee transportation program
- Assess the transportation needs of area businesses and recruit their participation in employee transportation programs in order to gain employee participation in alternative commute modes.
- Personalize and conduct employee commute surveys to determine employee commute patterns and interest in ridesharing and public transportation. Capture and report the data, making customized recommendations for each employer.
- Motivate area businesses to cooperate and participate in implementation of alternative modes of transportation
- Secure employer support for the establishment and training of an Employee Transportation Coordinator (ETC) in each participating work site
- Educate participating employers' staff on implementation of appropriate commuter tax benefit programs
- Assist the participating employer in establishing incentives to increase employee participation at their work site
- Maintain an ongoing relationship with each ETC to assure continued and increased participation
- Conduct marketing events and promotions, as needed, at area businesses to increase awareness and participation in alternative modes of transportation
- Develop new marketing tools addressing site specific issues to increase awareness and ridesharing at work sites with established programs
- Other duties as assigned

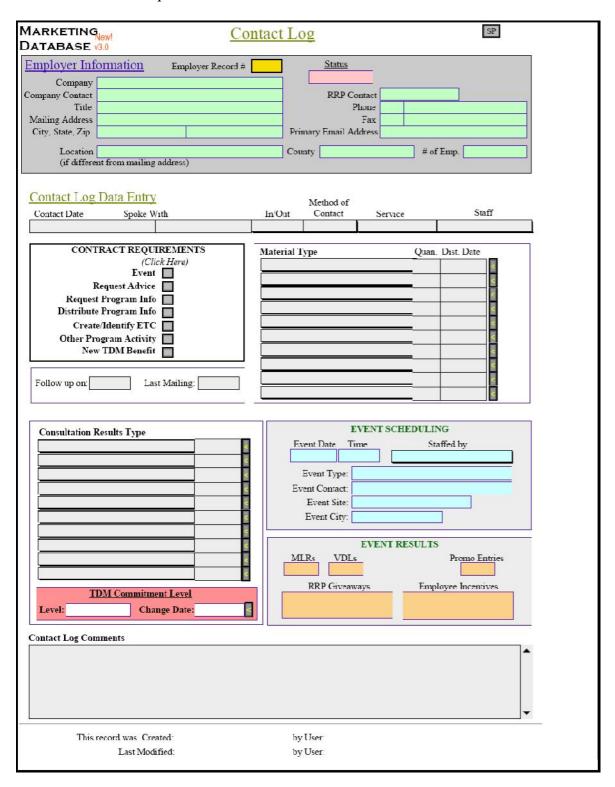
Attachment B



Attachment C

Contact Log

- Enter any contract requests here; for example client asked for information about how to form a vanpool or emergency ride home program see 511 RRP Scope of Work for other examples
- Use this as a diary or log to track follow up discussions, any special interest, and track materials mailed requests.



Attachment D

Program Components

- This page is used to track what ridesharing benefits companies offer their employees.
- It is also used to find ETC's with a particular program component for use as referrals to companies trying to institute a similar program.
- This page should be reviewed on each client call and taken along to update for client consultations.

MARKETING _{New!} Program (DATABASE v3.0	<u>Components</u>
Company Company Contact Title Mailing Address City, State, Zip Location (if different from mailing address) Date Last Surveyed: Referral:	Status TDM Commitment Level Level: Phone Fax Primary Email Address County # of Emp. Organization Type New PC Record
Employee Transportation Coordinator (ETC) for this site:	Commuter Tax Benefits: ○ yes ○ no □ Benefit □ Pre-tax □ RTC □ Eco Pass □ Other □ Commuter Check □ Wage works Financial incentives: ○ yes ○ no □ Free/discounted gas □ subsidized transit tickets □ Earned time off □ subsidized vanpools □ Drawings/prizes □ Other
Spanish □ Cantonese □ Other Commute Information dissemination: ○ yes ○ no □ bulletin board □ info center □ new hire packets □ e-mail □ new hire packets □ e-mail □ new hire packets □ flyer □ voicemail □ Other Carpool/vanpool ridematching: ○ yes ○ no □ Link to 511 Rideshare Website □ file card (manual) □ Fax-a-Match □ bulletin board □ Employer exclusive ridematching □ zip code map □ in-house ridematching □ Other	Transit Services Nearby: ○ yes ○ no □ bus □ stops at site □ stops within 1/4 mile □ rail □ stops at site □ stops within 1/4 mile □ ferry □ stops at site □ stops within 1/4 mile Shuttle: ○ yes ○ no □ open to non-employees □ to/from transit or parking □ between company sites □ Long Distance Shuttle □ BART □ Caltrain □ light rail □ parking lot □ ACE Frequency: ○ all day ○ peak periods ○ Other
Guaranteed Ride Home program: yes no operated by employer: formal informal operated by other than employer (e.g. city, county) Employer-operated program uses:	Funded
Member of TMA?: ○ yes ○ no ○ Bishop Ranch ○ Moffett Park BTA ○ Best Work Plac ○ Hacienda Bus. Park ○ SVLG ○ Other ○ TMA of San Francisco ○ SSV ○ West Berkeley Gateway ○ Altrans Parking: □ free □ Off-Site □ Bundled	Alternative work hours:
Subsidized equal number of cars and spaces Cash Out more cars than spaces Qualified Parking more spaces than cars designated carpool parking designated vanpool parking other # of designated spaces?	informally allowed at satellite office

Attachment E

Regional Rideshare Program Monthly Status Report – [Insert Month and Year Reporting]

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Employer Services Representative:

Territory:

Date: [Insert date report prepared]

Accomplishments/Results

New employers in the database [Insert Total] List Company Name(s)

Territory Highlights

of events & MLRs List Company Name(s) and total MLR(s)

Onsite Events: [Insert Total] List Company Name and total MLR(s)

Online Commuter Event: [Insert Total] List Company Name and total MLR(s)

<u>Surveys – [Insert Total]</u> List Company Name and total MLR (s)

Vanpools formed List Company Name(s)

Consultations - [Grand Total of All Below]

Email Consultations [Insert totals] List Company Name(s)

Phone Consultations[Insert total] List Company Name(s)

In-person Consultations [insert total] List Company Name(s)

New TDM Benefits
List Company Name(s), total employees and new benefit i.e.; GRH, Telework, Commuter Choice

New Links to 511

List Company Name(s)

ELC Updates

[Insert any change/progress or no update]

New and stronger relationships developed

Future Goals

Attachment F

Discussion Goals: review areas below to ensure mutual expectations and understanding of performance goals and functions are achieved.

Purpose: to provide documentation, consistency and accountability within the team for both the ESR and manager. The ESR will receive a copy via e-mail of what's documented and provide any feedback or corrections, if any or no comments are received it will be considered correct and understood. It will also serve as a means to identify the ESR for "Way To Go" nominations and information to be used as a reference for performance appraisals/development conferences.

Date	Monthly Report	Individual	Data Base	Next
		Contract	Management	
		Goals		

Monthly Report – review report and discuss any vague statements or get clarity under the following sections:

- accomplishments/results
- territory highlights
- new and stronger relationships developed or in development
- future goals
- Employer Leadership Challenge

Individual contract goals – review of data base stat sheet and compare timesheet hours per task to balance time and see other areas that should be noted and acknowledged for work done outside of the contract goals.

Database Management – review data base to ensure files are current and have all fields completed to ensure at any time a report is ran or requested data is complete or has an explanation of why something is missing. Focus will be given at minimum to the following reports which will be run prior to the meeting:

- files (active and maintenance) with a last contact date of 13 months or more
- files with missing # of employees at site
- Active files with no levels assigned
- Active files with no contract requirements logged
- Active files with contract requirements

Attention will be paid to the following required fields for each file:

Employer Information Page:

- Contact Information including e-mail addresses(unless otherwise noted)
- Status w/change date
- Commitment Level w/change date
- RRP Contact
- First/last contact
- # of employees at site
- Contract Requirements to match commitment level and status

Contact Log Page:

- Contact information
- Status
- RRP contact

- Contract requirements if new tdm benefit or other program activity selected...that benefit or activity should be identified under "consultation results type."
- Follow-up date
- Events Scheduling if an event is scheduled
- Events Results Employer Services Manager will enter event results from those staffed by Michael Satchell.
- Contact log comments

Program Component Page:

• Review program elements/incentives/strategies that make up level assignments.

Next

• Discuss any goals for upcoming month, i.e., employer meetings, follow-up, research, and/or needs from manager(s)

Monthly Meeting Review ESR's

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